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20231 on January 31, 2001Dated: 01/31/01, Carol M. BryanPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:On page 1, before line 1, please insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.On page 5, before line 1, please insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.On page 5, line 21, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.IN THE CLAIMS:Please cancel claims 19 and 20 without prejudice.